



April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a fabulous month, they loved dressing up for world book day and enjoying celebrating red nose day! Thank you to all of the parents who came to the book share, we all had a fabulous time and were so pleased to have some wonderful feedback from our lovely parents 😊

We hope you have all enjoyed the photos on Tapestry and on our Facebook page. We are all embracing Spring activities now, planting seeds, drawing flowers, going on bug hunts, making perfume and spending lots of time in the garden in the sunshine 😊

Sun cream and sunshine - we provide sun cream (Factor 50) for your child to have applied at nursery when it is sunny (unless you haven't given permission, and are providing your own). However, we ask for your co-operation in applying sun cream prior to nursery so we are not held up getting outside first thing. We reapply after lunch on sunny days but as you can imagine it can take a very long time to correctly apply sun cream to all of the children so your support in the morning is very appreciated. We will soon pop some suncream in the porch for you, and if you have forgotten to pop some on to your child before nursery please help yourself (the ladies will remind you on hot/sunny days!).

Staffing - During March Charlene updated her first aid training and lots of ladies have been completing CPD courses to update their knowledge and skills! Well done to all ladies! Sadly Mia P will be leaving us soon, she is going to be spending time at home with her daughter and her family.

But very exciting that Ruby starting with us, she is already really looking forward to starting with us and getting to know all of the children.

Jadia had passed her level 3 apprenticeship with a distinction! A huge well done Jadia 😊

Music Bugs & Mini Footy- Music Bugs is staying as a Wednesday afternoon from May, and Mini Footy is staying as a Thursday Afternoon from May- we will ensure a day change at the end of the summer so that a different group of children can enjoy both sessions 😊

Parent chats - We are offering parent chats on Thursday 23rd April between 6pm and 7.30pm. We appreciate for many of you that the regular Tapestry chats and end of day feedback is enough but if you would like a longer chat with staff this is your opportunity! We have popped a form up in the porch so you can book your slot now. Please remember this is for adults only (no little ones) 😊

Speech & Language - Somerset Speech & Language have a 12/18 month waiting list.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech please let us know straight away so we can help, of course if we have any niggles we would get in touch! This link could be helpful if you do have any concerns and is worth looking at even if you don't. It contains useful information and a video - [Help your baby learn to talk - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Government Funding - We would like to make you all aware that the Government 15 hours or 30 hours free childcare is presented misleadingly. The 15 or 30 hours are for term time only settings, and as we are open all year round, we stretch the funded hours over the year meaning you get fewer hours of funding (approx. 11 for the 15 hours, and approx. 22 for the 30 hours)

Policies - We have updated a few of our policies recently, one of the main updates being our 'Parent code of conduct' policy. Please find this policy attached to this email and also on Tapestry for your reading. All other policy updates are on our website.

A few reminders -

Nappies/wet wipes - please make sure you provide enough items for your child and keep their bag well stocked. If there are none in your bag we will ask you to come back with some.

Nursery clothing - If your child borrows nursery clothes/socks/shoes. Please can you make sure these are washed and returned. Please have a look at home and if you have any of our nursery clothes, underwear or socks please put them in your child's bag to return and let us know they are in there.

Lost clothes - please try to label all clothing as this helps the ladies. If you think we have lost an item of clothing please let us know and we will do our best to find it. It is much easier to find lost clothing when named 😊

Non slip socks - could babies upstairs please have non slip socks everyday - it is sometimes not warm enough to remove socks completely and the lino end is not safe with tights/socks without the sticky spots.

Calpol - Please remember if your little one needs Calpol/ibuprofen before coming in they should not be at Nursery, and can only return when they are 'Calpol/ibuprofen' free

Menu - We started our Summer Menu last week, and it is going down a treat so far! If we need to make any tweaks we will update the Website with the changes 😊

Invoices - If you didn't amend your standing order for your April fees please make sure you do it for May, several payments have been wrong and this does cause difficulties for the directors (thank you to everyone who did make the changes 😊). If your payment is wrong please let us know and make any extra payment.

Can we remind everyone that fees are payable in advance (i.e paid on 30th March ready for 1st April) and if they are late we will charge you a late fee.

Our Facebook page - Please like, follow and review us! The reviews are so helpful to new prospective parents 😊 We do try to keep it updated with information and photographs for you all to enjoy.

Dates for the diary -

- **Parent Chats** Thursday 23rd April 2026 (6-7.30 pm, parents only please)
- **May Bank Holidays** - 4th & 25th May (CLOSED)
- **Wear it Green Day for Mental Health** - Monday 11th May
- **Pyjamarama** - 12th June 2026
- **Photographer** - 17th June (morning) If you wish to bring your child in or bring a sibling along (if not your normal day) then please email the office 😊
- **Summer book share toddler & preschool room** - July 22nd 4.30pm-5.15pm (if it is your little ones normal day please pop in for a play) 😊
- **Baby room summer stay and play** - 11th August 4.30pm-5.15pm (pop in for a quick play at the end of the day - if it is your little ones usual day) 😊
- **School leavers Party/Graduation**- Friday 28th August
- **August Bank Holiday** - 31st August (CLOSED)
- **Christmas Church Service**- 16th December 2026 @ 6.15pm (Everyone welcome, including extended family)
- **Christmas 2026 closure:** Our last day will be Monday 21st December 2026, and we will re-open on Monday 4th January 2027

Thank you all so much for your continued support,
Sophie and the Abacus Team

Support/Advice contact numbers;

You can give Mindline (Somerset) a call 24 hours/day, 7 days/week ;

<https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/> 01823 276892

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

OFSTED: 0300 1231231

Preventing Radicalisation & extremism in Somerset:prevent@somerset.gov.uk 01823359879

Somerset integrated domestic abuse services: 0800 694 9999

Men's advice line (domestic abuse): 0808 801 0327

Children's social care Somerset: 0300 123 2224